

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 2.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, and 21 as follows:

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1. (amended) A method for extracting a polymeric contact lens from a mold, the method comprising:

lowering the temperature of the contact lens with a cryogenic substance to a temperature sufficient to reduce adhesion between the lens and the mold to a point where removing the lens will not damage the lens, and

thereafter removing the lens from the mold.

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3. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of lowering the temperature of the contact lens comprises directly contacting the contact lens with the cryogenic substance.

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5. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of lowering the temperature of the contact lens comprises indirectly cooling the contact lens by contacting the mold with the cryogenic substance while the lens is in contact with the mold.

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8. (amended) A method for extracting a siloxane containing polymeric contact lens from a mold, the method comprising:

bringing the lens into contact with a cryogenic substance for a time sufficient to lower the temperature of the lens to a temperature sufficient to reduce adhesion between the lens and the mold to a point where removing the lens will not damage the lens,

separating the lens from the mold, and
recovering the lens.

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11. (amended) A method for extracting a siloxane containing polymeric contact lens from a mold, the method comprising:

indirectly cooling the contact lens by bringing the mold into contact with a cryogenic substance for a time sufficient to lower the temperature of the lens to a temperature sufficient to reduce adhesion between the lens and the mold to a point where removing the lens will not damage the lens,

separating the lens from the mold, and
recovering the lens.

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14. (amended) A method for extracting a siloxane containing polymeric contact lens from a mold, the method comprising:

orienting a contact lens bearing mold upon a carrier such that the contact lens may fall from the mold;

situating a contact lens collector so as to collect a contact lens which may separate from the mold and fall;

indirectly cooling the contact lens by causing the mold to come into intimate contact with a cryogenic substance; causing separation of the lens from the mold; and collecting the lens.

17. (amended) A method for manufacturing a siloxane containing polymeric contact lens from a mold, the method comprising:

bringing two mold halves together to form a lens mold;

filling the mold with an uncured polymer;

curing the polymer in the mold;

separating the mold halves from one another;

bringing the mold half bearing the contact lens into contact with a cryogenic substance for a time sufficient to lower the temperature of the lens to a temperature sufficient to reduce adhesion between the lens and the mold half to a point where removing the lens will not damage the lens;

separating the lens from the mold half, and

recovering the lens.

21. (amended) A deblocking apparatus according to claim 20 wherein said means for cooling comprises a reservoir in said lens mold for receiving a cryogen therein.